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JUNE 2015 NEWS AND VIEWS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Meetings are the last Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton. Next meeting, June 25th, 2015. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. Editors Jim Martell 519-534-2502 or e-mail bpsportsmen@gmail.com

Grey-Bruce Fishing Derby wrap- Conservation Club 2015 Spring Derby

Salmon was the favourite fish landed by participants in the 2015 Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Spring Derby. Gord Smith of Wiarton took top honours with the heaviest salmon. For his hard work, Gord took home a glitzy 400-dollar rod-reel-lure-line combo donated by Lorne Fletcher of Fletcher Sports.

The weather was a huge improvement over last year. It was much warmer but hefty winds were a challenge for Colpoys Bay anglers. Our Spring Derby is a fun event for BPSA members and guests. The Derby Awards are held in conjunction with our Spring Fish fry headed by Ken and Jen Barrett. This was their 3rd year handling the fine lunch featuring tasty walleye, salads and scrumptious homemade desserts.

Derby chair Jack Seatter again this year had solid help from the folks at Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge. Spirit Rock hosted weigh scale services and donated several prizes. Because we are well respected for our conservation work, we had solid success attracting sponsors again this year to support our derby and other BPSA events. Marje and Jerry Beaver headed the 2015 BPSA Prize Team with help from Jim McKane. Corporate and individual donors are aware that our club operates the longest running community-based, sports fish-stocking program in Ontario.

The following sponsors are helping support BPSA for 2015: Fletcher Sports, The Spirit Rock Outpost and Lodge, The Lake Huron Fishing Club, The Green Door Restaurant, Frosty Freeze, Wiarton Home Building Centre, Scotty Outdoor Products, B.L. Carpenter Enterprises, Lund Boats/



Brunswick Corporation, Williamson-Dickie Canada, Bill Walker, MPP, N ' This on the Bay (Bed and Breakfast) Wiarton Marina, Paterson Media, Bass Pro (Vaughn), Harold Sutherland Construction, Pinkerton's Auto Supply, Maurice Sporting Goods, Sail - Cambridge, Josie's Fashions, Walker Industries, Grey-Bruce Upholstery, Hotfish Lures, Frank Hutter - Firearms Safety Course, The Toronto Sportsmen's Show, Horned Booby Lures, Wow TV. Entertainment. Tim Horton's. Lucky Strike Baitworks, Frank Coletta - Bruce Peninsula Realty, Alex Milne & Associates boat cleaning products

This year the BPSA Annual Club Awards were held in conjunction with our derby event.

2014 winners were:

RAINBOW TROUT	19.9 pounds	Jerry Beaver
SALMON	19.6 pounds	Stu Paterson
BROWN TROUT	3 pounds	Bill Nafziger
WALLEYE	5 pounds	Ron Snelling
MOOSE	68 5/8	Bill Nafziger
WHITE TAIL	106 7/8	Ray Reidel

BPSA "News and Views" Monthly Bulletin June 2015

Monthly BPSA minutes May 2015 The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday May 28, 2015 with 27 members present. The Club President Jim Martell asked if the April 2015 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to adopt the minutes of the April meeting by Al Hunter seconded by Jerry Beaver carried.

Guest Speaker – none

New Members / Guests-

Nathan Smith who moved to the area about seven years ago is looking to join an organization that supports his new interests of hunting and fishing. Nathan is taking the firearm and hunter safety courses.

Correspondence

- The LHFC has supported our hatchery operation with a donation of \$500. (see photo with LHFC Pres. Phil Hahn & Al Hunter)
- Jeff Graham of GSS Engineering did a presentation at the LHFC monthly May meeting on the potential use of solar cells to drive small D/C motor pumps to supplement some marginal streams and help to lower the summertime water temperature. There is a increase in fish production associated with lowering the stream temperature. Jeff also commented that Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans currently have grant money available for stream development. projects in the \$30 to \$100 thousand range are being considered.
- The LHFC is having their Fish Fry at their facility at Baie Dore on Saturday June 13 at 5:30 pm. BPSA members are invited and the cost is \$10.

Treasury - Mel Urbshott – April

Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe Winter Deer Feeding Fund	\$ 3576
Receipts	\$ 365
Expenses	\$ 1282
Ways and Means balance	\$ 1616

Total revenue from the fish derby was : Derby tickets \$220, Diner tickets \$740, Draw tickets Smoker & Hunting Course \$125, other draw tickets \$355, Feed the fish \$25 for a total \$1465. Expenses will be summarized in June.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Brian Allen seconded by Dennis Morton carried.

Membership - Forbes Symon: fpsymon@sympatico.ca tel 519 534 1726

Memberships can be dropped of at 363 Hunter Street or the BDO office 663 Berford Street, Warton.

Adults: 120 Family 72 Youth 47 Total 239

This is a reminder to send in your 2015 dues.

Committee Reports and Discussions

Archery: Karen Van Nest- tel. 519.378.3339

Email kvn_ca@yahoo.com n/r

Bulletin – David Morton

David mailed out 45 May bulletins.

Web Site: Kat McCulloch n/r

- All members are encouraged to continue forwarding information and pictures of club activities to Kat.
- Jim and Kat continue to work on having forms included on the web site and will get some knowledgeable help, hopefully at a reasonable cost, to set up some data on our web site that has limited access by designated personnel. In other words, we will set up a member's only section on web page.

Fish Committee-Hatchery: Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- Bruce Mallard needs volunteers to feed the fish in the hatchery. If you can help, please call him at 519 534-1274. THIS FUNCTION IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!! . You must be a BPSA member to do this function.
- The Brown Trout eggs received, in January, have hatched with very few losses. SSA did not get any eggs this year. SSA have agreed to take them and will be able to retain the fish for a longer period of time (a year and a half). Ray will follow up for approved by the MNRF..
- The remaining 20 thousand Rainbow Trout from 2014 were stocked on May 3rd.
- Water flow is currently 16.5 gpm.
- BPSA with the great support of LHFC collected 147 thousand 2015 Rainbow eggs at Denny's Dam.
- The final totals for the 2014 rainbow program was viable eggs collected 146,512, stocked fish yearlings 33,270 fingerlings 94,000 for a total of 127,270.

Fish Management Zones-13 Lake Huron-14 Georgian Bay Stewardship Councils: Dennis Morrison

- The next FMZ meeting will be May 30th in Port Severn.

Handgun Club: Al Hunter

- The summer handgun shooting schedule will alternate Wednesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings until Sept. The next weekly shoot will be Wed. June 10/15, 7:00 PM followed by Wed. June 17/15, at 1:00 PM. Club members may shoot at other times provided there are a minimum of two members and at least one is a range officer.
- The Twin County Bounty Hunters will hold a Cowboy Shoot at SSA on September 19.

Youth Winter Programs January-April:

Firearms-Rob and Krista Quesnel 519-935-2444
The Trap and Skeet youth shoot was held in May at the North Grey Range

Archery-Karen Van Nest and Phil Henderson 519-378-3339 Volunteer coordinator required for 2015

Phil is going to ask a regular member to run the Archery Club (Tuesday nights) during the winter months.

Native Affairs: n/r

O.F.A.H.: Stu Paterson

OFAH report for BPSA June 2015

1. Issued by OFAH Head Office:

Attention hunters and sports marksmen and women.
RECALL - Winchester SXP (3 1/2" Chamber) Shotgun
Safety Warning

A limited number of SXP (3 1/2" Chamber) shotguns (also called Super X Pump) may unintentionally discharge while closing the action, even with the safety on. If you own one of the following, contact the Winchester Consumer Administrative Center at 1-800-945-5372 or sxp@winchesterguns.com.

CHAMBER	GAUGE	BARREL LENGTH	
SXP WATERFOWL HUNTER	3 1/2"	12	26" or 28"
SXP BLACK SHADOW	3 1/2"	12	26" or 28"
SXP TURKEY HUNTER	3 1/2"	12	24"
SXP LONG BEARD	3 1/2"	12	24"

Winchester Guns website

<http://www.winchesterguns.com/library/articles/detail.asp?id=709>



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2. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the annual meeting of the hatchery managers, members of the Ontario Community Hatchery Program. As you may know BPSA hosted this meeting of hatchery reps from across the province. The CHP as this program is now known, has developed a web site. (see below) Visit it and learn what it is all about. It takes 14-hundred volunteers and about 70-thousand hours a year to operate our hatchery and the other 40 community hatcheries in this program. These hatcheries stock more than 13.5 million fish a year to help boost sports fishing opportunities in Ontario. For

our regional hatcheries the CHP has become a valuable learning tool and provides a forum for information sharing and keeps members on the leading edge of news about the latest threats to our sports fishery.

<http://www.communityhatcheries.com/>

3. A reliable source reports the MNRF vessel Lake



Huron Explorer stocked over 100-thousand lake trout in Southern Georgian Bay in recent weeks. The lakera remained in the general area where they were stocked. They tend to do that and not move far as they take a while to become accustomed to the new water temperature and different surroundings. Within an hour hundreds of cormorants had a feast of many of the lakera from the Chatsworth Hatchery. In recent years the MNRF has spent more than 900-thousand dollars a year stocking lake trout when our surveys discovered only 3 to 5 per cent of sports anglers in our region target lake trout. Most target rainbow trout, salmon, brown trout, walleye and bass. Because lake trout grow slowly and accumulate toxins, present in the water, in central Lake Huron, women and children are advised not to consume a lake trout longer than 14 inches.

When asked about the success of the provinces lake trout stocking program in Southern Georgian Bay one MNRF fisheries biologist said "it was not the success we expected.... it is not a rosy picture locally".

At the last OFAH zone H meeting ...there was discussion about stocking salmon and rainbow trout.



I reported that our club and the SSA found in the past, that about 60% of bows and salmon in the Sydenham River, Colpoy's Creek and Gleason Brook during the spawn, had been fin clipped, an indicator that they are stocked fish and that our clubs stocking efforts stocking seem to be successful.

4. A report released at the latest zone H OFAH meeting talked about the solidarity among first nations trying to take part in the huge Algonquin Land Claim. Seems the chief of the only federally recognized First Nation involved in the claim, is questioning the authenticity of some who

claim Algonquin ancestry. The quote from one chief is "some of them now who said they were never Algonquin, are now Algonquin chiefs...our members don't really appreciate that". Quoted from Chief Kirby Whiteduck who's reserve is west of Ottawa.

5. Three years after the signing of the SON Commercial Fishing Agreement, OFAH Directors and biologists and conservation clubs like ours, are still waiting to hear from the SON Governance Council at Cape Croker on the penalties if any, leveled against commercial fishers who broke the rules of the agreement.

We understand there were Governance Council meetings



May 7 and 8 but as of this writing, no word from those meetings.

We DO know that more than 100 complaints were called in on the MNR tips line about gillnets that were too close to the shore, too close to the mouths of spawning creeks, were much longer than allowed under the agreement, had markers missing and were only checked every five days allowing any fish caught to rot in the nets. We hope President Jim will be able to convince MNR folks and perhaps the chiefs, in the spirit of transparency, to come forward with the information and stop what many are calling "a serious curtain of secrecy about a subject that relates to the future of our sports fishery, which is so dear to our hearts and minds".

6. Manitoulin Island has controversy over commercial fishing and over harvest. This is from a recent article in the Manitoulin Island newspaper about the OFAH zone meeting there:

...."Overfishing by commercial fishing was cited as the major cause of depletion of fish stocks, both on Lake Nipissing and in Georgian Bay. That contention led to a lively debate over commercial fishing, with Mr. Frappier and Mr. Florean asserting that the collapse of fisheries is laid at the feet of commercial fisherman, with a defence of commercial fishing companies being mounted by former commercial fisherman and club member Gary Green. Mr. Green pointed out that commercial fishing provides employment and that commercial fishing companies provide grants to conservation and stocking programs. Mr. Frappier and Mr. Florean countered that the sport fishing industry provides far more employment in the North, with a comparison ranging far in excess of a 10 to one ratio.

"A lot of these areas are depressed because of the lack of fishing," asserted Mr. Frappier. "We have to get rid of commercial fishing, I don't care if it is First Nations or not. There are millions of dollars being lost. It is a major, major problem."

This is the link to the entire article

<http://www.manitoulin.ca/2015/05/13/hunters-and-anglers-of-zone-d-meet-in-sheguiandah/>

6. OFAH is very interested in results from any of the studies under way of our sports fishing waters. One study is by the MNR involved technicians interviewing anglers in Owen Sound, Colpoy's Bay, Southampton and Kincardine. The survey will cover shore and boat anglers in Owen Sound and Colpoy's Bay...and only the boat fishery in Kincardine and Southampton. Information gathered will be compared to surveys years ago at the four locations.

7. I will attend the next one Zone H OFAH meeting set for Sunday August 9 at the Barrie District Anglers and Hunters site...



Stu Paterson OFAH liaison for BPSA

Property –Ron Snelling n/r

Rankin Resource Group- Larry Isbester-

Larry had a copy of John Morton's AWS studies of the Rankin River Watershed for the first 2 years, the first year was Isaac Lake and the second year Boat Lake, These are essential an environmental impact study of the flora of the watershed (no fish were included) and was funded by the species at risk task force. This year he will study Sky Lake. Jim Martell has a copy of the first two studies. You can review these by contacting Jim and signing them out. Larry anticipates that following the completion of the third year study an executive summary will be available.

Scheduling: Ron Snelling-

Events are on the board and in the bulletins.

Special Events: the dates for special events in 2015 are:

- Wiarton Willy Festival Saturday January 31st- Jerry and Marj Beaver, Wayne and Annette Musselman and Phil Henderson and Karen Van Nest .
Sunday February 1st –Ron Robb and Shane Ruther SSA, Gord Smith and Don Elliott BPSA .
- Family Day Holiday- Don Elliott – February 16, 2015 - 12 - 2 pm.
- Awards Presentation and Potluck Dinner-Don Elliott
The presentation of awards was deferred and included with the Fish Derby Diner May 24th .
- Fish Derby – Jack Seatter May 22- 24, 2015. A total

of Derby tickets were sold and a disappointing 6 fish entered. Gord Smith was the grand prize winner of a Muskee Rod and Reel donated by Fletcher's Sports. Thanks to Marj Beaver for a great job of securing many great prizes. James McKane will send thank you letters to all the sponsors. BPSA members are encouraged to thank and support these sponsors. Stu Paterson will develop an report for the Echo.

- Fish Fry – Ken and Jenny Barrett May 24, 2015 2:00-4:00pm. BPSA thanked Ken and Jen and all their helpers for a great meal and the deserts and salads brought by members added to a great fish and chips diner.
- Kids Fishing Day- Saturday July 4, 2015 9am
There is a change of venue and time of day for this event. This year it will be held at the BPSA club house and pond. Fishing will start at 9am. Only children up to the age of 12 will be fishing and there is a 5 catch limit.. BPSA members are encouraged to invite quests with children and a notice will go in the paper to invite the public at large to attend with our goal to provide further outdoor activities for youngsters. BPSA will provide the hot dogs and pop starting at 11am. Ray indicated that there are a significant number of Rainbow in the pond and the MNRF have graciously provide 150 scrappy Brook Trout to enhance the fishing opportunities for the event provided the Cormorants do not eat them all.
- Beef and Pork BBQ- Murray Garniss and Dennis Morrison- Sunday July 12, 2015 from 4-6:30 pm. Adults \$15 Children 12 and under \$7.
- Community Living-Fishing on the Pond – Sunday September 20, 2015 2-7pm.
- Potluck Dinner – Saturday November 21 2015. Social time from 5pm with dinner at 6:00pm.

Wildlife: Al Hunter n/r

Awards: Don Elliott-

Entry forms are available on the wooden tray in the club house or on line on the website.

Old Business

- Jerry Beaver and Jim Martell met with Steven Crawford to review the study of Colpoy's Bay. They will be periodically going out on the boat with the study team.
- The capital expense for the hatchery microscope is estimated at \$800. Dennis is attempting to solicit funding to cover the cost.
- The potential property tax assessment estimated at \$4 thousand means that we have to be exploring ways to obtain or raise this money, rather than significantly raise membership dues.
- BPSA need to have a volunteer to step up as the Vice

President. Jim will be away for the September and October Meetings.

New Business:

- We need a volunteer to replace John McGill to co-ordinate the Salmon Spectacular tent raising Wednesday August 26 and take down Monday September 7, both at 8am. Sign up sheets for volunteers will be at the May and June meetings. If you can help and were unable to attend either of these meetings, please call Dennis Morton 519 534-9157 email : bridden47@gmail.com
- Dave Baxter 519-534-1735 or bax-corr@sympatico.ca. We need about 25 volunteers for each event
- Annette Musselman will obtain 5 plaques from Ram for the Kids Fishing Day on the pond.
- The container “ Feed The Fish” will be available for all special events
- BPSA would like to express our appreciation to Jim Preston, the new owner of the Warton Tim Horton's for his support of the club by providing Tim Bits at our monthly meetings.
- Members are requested to report any conflicting events on the web site and newsletter.

Correspondence : Video Project (Steve Holler)

Would like to do a promotional video for our club.

This video would highlight our club and its activities.

We would use this on BPSA website. This video could increase membership and inform the public of our conservation efforts.

Normally I would charge for this service. However, I propose to put together a short video for no charge - on the basis that I could use the finished product for promotional purposes.

Steve Holler 519 534-1524

The next BPSA meeting will be Thursday June 25, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Winners of Draw Prizes

Rod & Reel	Murray Garniss
Tim Horton Card	Dennis Morrison
Jam	Ken Bennett
Lures	Murray Garniss, Ken Bennett, Stu Paterson, Don Robb, Al Hunter
Fish Crisp	Jon Janelle, Lincoln Leudke, Brian Allen, Murray Garniss
Hat	Gord Smith, Nathan Smith
Fishing Kit	Dennis Morrison, Ian MacGregor, Stan Schade

A motion by Dennis Morrison to adjourn carried, ending the May 2015 meeting at 9:35 pm.

Presidents message

Great turn out at fish fry and awards event. Thanks to Ken and Jenny Barrett for their fine leadership. Thanks to Stu Paterson for his superb smooth, radio like leadership handling the Public Address system and hosting the Fish Fry event.

Also thanks to the many hands who prepared the food and helped run the event. Not many derby entrants but those who entered had fun. Congrats to Gord Smith who won the fishing rod. Our club has suggested some ideas for our website and we are exploring these options. One is to have a member's

only section. This would allow for items like returned surveys, reports, etc. could be kept for our use.

Also new this month is an offer by Steve Holler to complete a promotional video about our club. So if we see a man with a video camera who is on our property he will ask if you want your picture taken. Likely he will use angles that highlight the activity verses persons. He will film our club activities like feeding fish, shooting, stocking etc. Thanks to Dennis Morton who volunteered to organize the tent set-up for the Salmon Spectacular in August. Summer fun ahead with the kids fishing

in pond July 4, and Pork and beef BBQ July 12.

The executive and directors appreciate members participation in club events. We are having Christine Porr from the library attend our June meeting for a short talk on assisting us with using the libraries services.

Also Sean Liipere Bruce Peninsula Biosphere is willing to chat with us and share info on conservation projects underway on the Bruce Peninsula. They are working on Judges creek this summer.

*yours in conservation,
Jim Martell, President*

Lake Huron Fishing Club presented Al Hunter from the BPSA with a cheque for \$250 to help with Club activities. The Chantry Derby committee matched that donation for a total of \$500 and the LHFC also donated 300 packages



of fish crisp for the BPSA club functions. President Phil Hahn presented cheque to BPSA member Al Hunter. Thank you Al for making the trip.

Youth trap shoot went well

Thank you once again to all the safety officers and helpers that keeps the kids shooting program going, and a special thanks to the North Grey Bruce club and Tim Hortons of Wiarton for the timbits.

We had a great turn out to the kids trap shoot at NBG club and it was a bright and sun filled morning. We also had a new shooter participate.

Thanks once again to all those who helped, Robert and Krista Quesnel



Top shooter was Dakota Hutchinson
2nd top shooter was Justin Weatherhead and an honourable mention goes to Hunter Maisoneuve a new shooter this year and came in third at the trap shoot!



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2015 Membership Form Rev 2014/11/17

BPSA Membership Youth- \$15.00 (under age 18) **Date of Birth:** _____
Adult - \$60.00
Family- \$65.00 Membership includes these members of my family:
 PRINT NAMES IN FULL 1: _____ 2: _____
 3: _____ 4: _____ 5: _____

I hereby certify that as a member of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, I will abide by Rules and Regulations Set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association

Signed _____ Date _____

TOTAL \$

Archery Fee- Adult - \$40 **Family- \$65** **Youth- \$15**

Handgun Fee- Adult - \$60 **Family- \$70** **Youth- \$15** TOTAL \$

Winter Youth Programs - Youth - \$15 Paid at the start of the program

Memberships can be mailed to the address above. **Do NOT mail cash.** TOTAL \$

Membership applications with payment (cash, cheque, money order) are accepted at practice night or at the monthly B.P.S.A. meetings.

Memberships are on a yearly basis expiring December 31, 2015. Questions regarding BPSA membership or BPSA membership cards may be directed to Forbes Symon (fpsymon@sympatico.ca) (519-534-1726)

****Please print your complete mailing address**

Name _____

Street/Fire Number/P.O. Box/RR _____

City _____ Prov/State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

E-mail _____ (please inform BPSA if this changes)

Phone _____ Summer or Cell _____

BPSA Reference: Date application received _____

cash cheque money order amount rec'd \$ _____

adult family youth new membership renewal

wallet card given mailed data entered on spreadsheet _____

** From time to time we take photos of our members and post them in our newsletter or on the BPSA website. It is your responsibility to inform the member with the camera if you do not wish photos to be published. Parents can sign release forms for children's photos. Please be aware that names will be forwarded on to a third party for insurance purposes.